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SUBJ: MAJOR SPEECHES BY SAVIMBI AND ROBERTO

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1. ON MARCH 13 AND 15 JONAS SAVIMBI AND HOLDEN ROBERTO GAVE LENGTHY SPEECHES COMMEMORATING HISTORIC ANNIVERSARIES FOR THEIR MOVEMENTS. UNITA WAS FOUNDED ON MARCH 13, 1966 AND MARCH 15 COMMEMORATES THE UPA ATTACKS IN NORTHERN ANGOLA IN 1961. BOTH SPEECHES CONTAIN A COMMON PERCEPTION OF THE PROBLEMS FACING ANGOLA. MPLS IS, AS USUAL, THEIR VILLIAN AND DESPITE THE CALL FOR A LOWERING OF VOICES PUT OUT BY THEIR SENIOR LIEUTENANTS ON MARCH 12, (LUANDA 0289) THEY PERSISTED IN ASCRIBING TO MPLA MOST OF ANGOLA'S PRESENT ILLS.

2. IN HIS ADDRESS FROM NOVA LISBOA, SAVIMBI WENT TO GREAT LENGTHS TO DISCLAIM ANY UNITA TIE TO THE SALAZAR/CAETANO REGIMES, AND SAID THAT UNITA HAS ALWAYS BEEN ITS OWN MASTER. HE HIT OUT AT RADICAL PRO-MPLA STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS WHO INSULTED THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (UNITA), WHO IS TRYING TO BRING SOME DISCIPLINE TO THE CHAOTIC SCHOOL SITUATION. HE CHARACTERIZED THEM AS "PRETTY BOYS" AND SAID THEY WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO LOSE THEIR UNCLASSIFIED

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"ARROGANT" ATTITUDES. ON THE CONTINUING PROBLEM OF FAVORITISM

BY THE OFFICIAL RADIO TOWARD MPLA, HE SAID THAT IF THIS WASN'T CORRECTED WITHIN THREE WEEKS UNITA WOULD IMPORT AND SET UP ITS OWN RADIO, AS WOULD FNLA. REVERTING TO HIS ROLE AS PEACEMAKER, HE SAID AN IMMEDIATE SUMMIT MEETING OF THE LEADERS WAS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO PERMIT THEM TO WORK OUT POLITICAL ACCOMODATION TO AVOID CIVIL WAR. HE REITERATED UNITA'S STRONG DESIRE FOR ELECTIONS AND ITS WILLINGNESS TO ABIDE BY ANY HONEST RESULT.

3. ROBERTO, SPEAKING FROM KINSHASA, MAINTAINED HIS PESSIMISTIC ATTITUDE ON EVENTS INSIDE ANGOLA. HE SAID THE ANGOLAN SITUATION WAS "GRAVE" AND "VERY EXPLOSIVE" AND FNLA WOULD REACT IF PUSHED TOO FAR. HE COMPARED THE MOMBASA ACCORDS WITH THE ILL-FATED KINSHASA AGREEMENT IN DECEMBER 1972 THAT WAS DESIGNED TO UNITE FNLA-MPLA. HE HIT OUT, ONCE AGAIN, AT "POPULAR POWER". AND AGAIN CALLED NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEES "SOCIETIES OF THE STREETS." IN THE SAME VEING HE ATTACKED THE WORKERS IN THE PORTS AND THE RAILROADS, WHOSE ACTIONS, HOWEVER "LEGITIMATE," ARE HARMFUL TO THE ANGOLAN ECONOMY. HE SUPPORTED SAVIMBI'S DECLARATION AGAINST THE RADICAL STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS AND ALSO ATTACKED THE OFFICIAL RADIO. LIKE SAVIMBI HE SAID ELECTIONS ARE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR A PEACEFUL TRANSITION AND WARNED THAT ATTEMPTS TO SUBVERT THEM WOULD LEAD TO WAR.

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